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For : PARTITION PANEL WITH MODULAR
APPLIANCE MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows before consideration on the merits:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 23, 24, and 38, and add new claim 64, as follows:

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A freestanding partition panel for dividing a floor space, comprising:

a rigid partition frame having horizontally spaced apart vertical side frame members and vertically spaced apart first and second horizontal members extending between said vertical side frame members to form a generally quadrilateral vertically enlarged opening through said frame and defining an open space within said panel;

at least one intermediate horizontal cross member extending across said vertically enlarged opening and defining an upper opening through said frame above said intermediate horizontal cross member, and defining a lower opening through said frame below said intermediate horizontal cross member;

said intermediate horizontal cross member and at least a selected one of said first and second horizontal frame members including a plurality of horizontally spaced apart attachment locations defining a plurality of discrete, serially adjacent mounting spaces in a selected one of